

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clyde Shumate on his selection as Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for Cherokee High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Shumate is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Shumate has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Cherokee High School by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Mr. Shumate was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, at the gathering, Hawkins County Schools feted teachers selected as Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, with winners also selected and announced for three divisions: kindergarten through fourth grade, fifth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, each school within the system selected its own recipient, after which a committee from the Central Office staff evaluated the school winners, following standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education, in order to determine the three division Teachers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumate earned Instructor Certification from the United States Navy Group Paced Instructor School in 1990 and served as a culturally diverse adult instructor at the Fleet Training Center in Norfolk, Virginia, from 1990-1993; he has also attended U.S. Navy Persuasive Communications School, U.S. Navy LDO/CWO Leadership School, and U.S. Navy Curriculum and Standard School, where he earned Curriculum Developer Certification; and

WHEREAS, after earning his AAS Degree in Electromechanical Technology and his Bachelor of Science degree in Administrative Management from Excelsior College, Mr. Shumate enrolled in the MAED program in Curriculum and Instruction at Tusculum College, from which he is scheduled to graduate in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Mr. Shumate joined Hawkins County Schools in 2005 as a Senior Naval Science Instructor; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure at Cherokee High School, he has been a respected leader in the NJROTC program; he has served as Instructor/Executive Officer for NJROTC Summer Leadership Academy at Tullahoma and been instrumental in training 100 cadets from schools throughout NJROTC Area Nine in leadership, marksmanship, academics, military drill, and military ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, through the Cherokee High School NJROTC, he has helped provide fifty cadets for a Cardinals baseball game celebrating JROTC in the Tri-Cities area and has helped provide color guards for Veteran's Day in downtown Rogersville, a Goody's store opening, Holston Electric Cooperative, Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce, and the Hawkins County Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the young cadets of Cherokee High School NJROTC, who are learning the value of community service under the steady guidance of Mr. Shumate, have also provided the color guard for the Food City 250 at Bristol in August and March every year; represented Cherokee High School in the Gatlinburg and Rogersville Christmas parades; held various clothing and food drives throughout the year; and accumulated 1,264 hours in community service; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Mr. Shumate has served as a member of the Military Officers Association of America since 2000; he is also a nationally-certified three-position Air Rifle Range Officer and a Coach for the NJROTC Air Rifle, Academic, and Athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Shumate has earned the respect and admiration of his peers through his meritorious service and his dedication to his students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Shumate's awards and recognition include the NJROTC Naval Service Training Command Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors from 2006-2009; U.S. Navy Special Programs Officer Recruiter of the Year for 2000; U.S. Navy Instructor of the Year for 1993; U.S. Navy Distinguished Instructor for 1992; U.S. Navy Instructor of the Quarter for 1990-1992; and U.S. Navy certification as Master Training Specialist in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumate is an active and devout member of Boone Trail Baptist Church in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, Clyde Shumate is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Shumate epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Clyde Shumate on his selection as Teacher of the Year at Cherokee High School, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.